Expansion of Indore Airport

2801. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake the expansion and improvement of Indore Airport in view of the fact that the existing length of the runway is not enough;

(b) if so, what financial allocations were made during the last three years for this purpose; and

(c) whether any land has been acquired for the said purpose and its possession taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1984-85 : Nil

1985-86 : Rs. 2 lakhs.

1986-87 : Rs. 2 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Tribal Areas

2802. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 583 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24-4-87 and state:

(a) whether in spite of the fact that Union Government have advised the State Governments and Administration of Union Territories to locate Navodaya Vidyalayas on priority basis in predominantly Tribal and Harijan areas, scarcely any Navodaya Vidyalaya has been opened so far or located in such areas;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take stronger steps to ensure that a sizeable number of these schools are established in predominantly Harijan/Tribal areas of the country;

(c) whether Government propose to stop insisting on offers of suitable land and building for the schools so as to ensure that such schools are not concentrated only in the affluent areas of the districts, which can afford to make such offers building/land; and

(d) whether Government have received reports that location of these schools are being changed because of extraneous considerations.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages the establishment of a Navodaya Vidyalaya, in each district of the country including tribal and backward areas during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, in a phased manner. The location of these Vidyalayas, as far as possible, would be in rural areas. Out of the 83 Navodaya Vidyalayas so far established in various districts of the country, 25 Vidyalayas are located in backward and 16 in tribal districts. No district having predominantly tribal or harijan population will be left out because it is intended to cover all the districts by 1990.

(c) The requirement of land for a Navodaya Vidyalaya is an essential one. Since the Navodaya Vidyalayas do not have their own buildings, to begin, with the Vidyalayas are located on the basis of offers of suitable land/buildings received from the districts concerned. The location of each Vidyalaya is decided on the merits of the offers made.

(d) No, Sir.

Radio car telephones provided to MCD and NDMC officers

2803. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and designations of Officers of MCD and NDMC who have been provided with radio car telephones; and